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SUBJECT: DETAILS ON MIT STUDY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE BREAKDOWN OF THE COMBINED NICKEL-COPPER PERCENTAGES USED IN THE MIT STUDY AS PROVIDED BY SEBENIUS:

--A. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE COMBINED ORE GRADE FOR 2.0 PER CENT NICKEL/COPPER IS 1.1 PER CENT NICKEL AND .9 PER CENT COPPER.

--B. SIMILARLY, THE 2.4 PER CENT COMBINED GRADE IS 1.3 PER CENT NICKEL AND 1.1 PER CENT COPPER.

--C. FINALLY, 2.8 PER CENT COMBINED GRADE IS 1.5 PER CENT NICKEL AND 1.3 PER CENT COPPER.

2. THE CONSENSUS AT THE STANLEY FOUNDATION MEETING IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 28 OF THIS YEAR FOLLOWS (FROM STANLEY UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUNDATION REPORT);

--"FIGURES WERE OFFERED AND CORROBORATED WHICH SUGGESTED THAT COMMERCIALLY USEFUL NODULES MUST CONTAIN NOT LESS THAN 2.5 PER CENT COMBINED NICKEL AND COPPER. THESE TWO METALS TYPICALLY OCCUR IN NODULES IN A RATIO OF ABOUT 12 TO 11. IT IS BELIEVED THAT BETWEEN 90 AND 95 PER CENT OF BOTH

METALS WILL BE RECOVERABLE (ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, THE MAXIMUM NICKEL PLUS COPPER CONTENT WHICH ONE COULD REASONABLY EXPECT TO FIND WOULD BE 2.7 PER CENT). SUCH NODULES COULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO CONTAIN BETWEEN .2 AND .25 PER CENT COBALT AND BETWEEN 25 AND 30 PER CENT MANGANESE, RECOVERABLE AT RATES VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED FROM 75 TO 95 PER CENT."

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